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SUBJ: WATER DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO GOL

1. ON BASIS DEPTEL 1161 TO TRIPOLI, NOVEMBER 26, 1965 RPT 1965, EMBASSY DISCUSSED WITH ALI ATIIGAH, THEN UNDERSEC MINPLANNING, AND CONFIRMED IN WRITING APRIL 27, 1966 OFFER FROM OSW DEPT INTERIOR AS FOLLOWS: "UPON RECEIPT GOL REQUEST INTERIOR PREPARED SEND SMALL TEAM OF EXPERTS TO ASSIST IN REVIEW WATER RESOURCES AND ADVISE ON APPLICATION DESALTING TO MEET NEEDS FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES POTABLE WATER. USG WOULD COVER SALARIES, INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION. GOL WOULD COVER ALL LOCAL COSTS OF TEAM. SUBJECT TO THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW, INTERIOR WOULD BE PREPARED TO ADVISE ON FIRMS FOR DETAILED GROUND

WATER STUDIES, ON ENGINEERING FIRMS AND MANUFACTPURS FOR DESALTING FACILITIES, ON BID SPECIFICATIONS."

2. ATIIGAH NEVER REPLIED, SUBSEQUENTLY LEFT UNDERSECRETARYSHIP ON MAY 30, 1966.

3. ON JANUARY 25, 1967 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MINPLANNING IISA QIBLAWI ASKED ECON COUNSELOR WHETHER INTERIOR OFFER STILL STANDS.

4. FROM USAID ADVISOR ARTHUR AUBLE AND OTHER SOURCES EMBASSY AWARE GOL PLANS SURVEY OF LIBYA FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES TO INCLUDE HYDROLOGY, PEDOLOGY, HYDROGEOLOGY, GEOLOGY AND CADASTRAL SURVEY. AGRICULTURAL SURVEY IS TO FOLLOW PATTERN OF REGIONAL PLANNING SURVEYS IN THAT COUNTRY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR OR FIVE REGIONS AND ONE CONTRACTOR MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR SURVEY IN EACH REGION.

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5. GOL PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO WRITE SPECIFICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL SURVEY. THE YUGOSLAV ADVISORS WHO PREDOMINATE IN SEVERAL MINISTRIES PROPOSED A TEAM OF 30 YUGOSLAV PROFESSORS TO VISIT COUNTRY AND WRITE

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SPECIFICATIONS. APPARENTLY THIS HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN AND A TEAM OF 5 FRENCHMEN HAVE BEEN ENGAGED TO WRITE PART OF SPECIFICATIONS. APPARENTLY GOL WANTS AMERICANS TO WRITE SPECIFICATIONS FOR HYDROLOGY, HYDROGEOLOGY AND GEOLOGY PORTIONS. IN PARTICULAR, THEY DESIRE THE SERVICES FOR A THREE-MONTH PERIOD OF JAMES R. JONES, GEOLOGIST, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, DEPT INTERIOR, WHO SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN LIBYA AND IS WIDELY ESTEEMED BY SEVERAL LIBYAN CIVIL SERVANTS IN HIGH PLACES. WITH JONES THE TEAM OF AMERICANS COULD BRING UP TO DATE THE PREVIOUS WORK OF AID AND GUIDE GOL TO THE BEST MEANS OF WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.

6. EMBASSY CAUTIONS THAT PRIMARY INTEREST OF GOL IS IN GROUND WATER RESOURCES, NOT DESALINATION. GOL MINISTRIES STILL LACK COORDINATION AND LEADERSHIP TO SET OUT ON A DEFINITE PLAN.

7. NEVERTHELESS, BELIEVE WE MAY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR GOOD OF LIBYA AND TO ADVANTAGE OF UNITED STATES CONSULTANTS AND SUPPLIERS.

8. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHERTERMS DESCRIBED PARA 1 STILL APPLY AND WHETHER JONES AVAILABLE. EMBASSY BELIEVES WRITTEN REQUEST WILL BE FORTHCOMING IF GOL INFORMED TERMS STILL HOLD. GP-4
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